**Contemporary Issues**

*SPRING - 2015*

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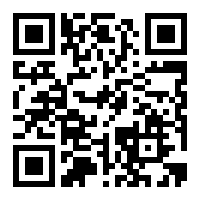
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***I am available***…before and after school, lunch by appointment.

My planning periods are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

# **RATIONALE:**

# Students in this Contemporary Issues class will acquire the knowledge and skills to gather, analyze and apply information and ideas. Student will also acquire the knowledge and skills to communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom. They will acquire the knowledge and skills to recognize and solve problems; and to make decisions and act as responsible members of society.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course will cover the current issues in the World and the United States. Students will read articles in various magazines, newspapers and student publications. They will answer questions on these articles and use them as a basis for discussion. They will also view videos on news programs and evaluate them. While the students may not find answers, and certainly no easy answers, from the class, they should become more educated about these issues, and better able to confront the challenges they will face as they move forward in their lives.

# **It is a semester course – below are some samples of what we will be studying:**

U.S. Relationships Conspiracies Propaganda

Immigration Economics Energy sources/types

Government/Elections Freedom of Speech/Privacy

***Expectations:***

***WE A****chieve-* ***R****espect-* ***E****ngage-* ***SPARTANS!***

***Materials*:** bring your textbook to every class, binder/folder, notebook, pen, pencil, motivation, and curiosity.

***Grading*:** 100%-90%=A 89%-80%=B 79%-70%=C 69%-60%=D <60%=F

***Late work*:** Prearranged absences will be addressed on an individual basis. Assignments turned in up to 7 calendar days will have 25% taken off.

\*Homework, projects, tests, quizzes turned in more than 7 calendar days past the due date will not be accepted.

***Make-up work:*** It is YOUR responsibility to make up any work that has been missed. *Know the date(s) you were absent.*

The wikispace will have the agenda/homework with the date and any handouts and worksheets that were assigned that day.

You have one day for every excused day absent to make up your work.

\*Quizzes and tests CANNOT be made up from an UNEXCUSED absence.

***Cell phones, etc.***

“Out of sight, out of mind!”

-Communication devices (cell phones, etc.) should be turned OFF during school hours or may be CONFISCATED.

-Use of electronics are at the discretion of the teacher, but may be confiscated at any time.

*–BHS Student Handbook*

***Fire Drills:*** Please go left from the classroom entrance and down the stairs on the west side of the building. Exit the doors facing north, line up in the parking lot and look for me.

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*Outside class / on the weekends, another way to stay connected with your cellphone:*

Remind101

Enter this number:

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with this message

@cissues6hr

*Email version (send a blank email with nothing in the subject line to):*

[cissues6hr@mail.remind.com](mailto:cissues6hr@mail.remind.com)

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***WikiSpace Website:***

**http://ranweiler.wikispaces.com/**

* ***Here is where warmups, daily agendas, assignments and information about upcoming quizzes, tests and projects will be found.***